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FAIR WEATHER BRINGS OUT A LARGE VOTE EVERYWHERE

Most Cities Report Remarkably Heavy Poll Early in the Day.

IS MUCH SCRATCHING

This Feature in Illinois Taken to Spell Defeat for Governor Deneen.

Chicago, Nov. 3.—Early morning Associated Press dispatches show that, excepting showers in some southern states, ideal weather prevails over the entire country today, and the heavy vote which usually accompanies such conditions was again forthcoming. With rare exceptions the early morning poll had either equalled or exceeded that cast in previous years and there was every indication today's total vote would surpass that of 1904 by many thousands wherever there had been a semblance of a contest between the two leading parties. In most states the polls opened at 6 this morning and close at 4 to 5 this afternoon.

Candidates Are All at Home. Their long grinding campaign tours at an end, election day found both Taft and Bryan at home. The former voted in Cincinnati and the latter in Lincoln. Sherman and Kern, vice presidential candidates, voted respectively at their homes in Utica and Indianapolis.

Are Scratching Deneen. In this city at many precincts 25 per cent of the vote was cast by 7 o'clock. The ballot contains scores of names and scratching was reported in every section. Scratching was reported largely on the state ticket, and while republicans asserted that Deneen for governor would carry Cook county (Chicago), it was admitted it would be by a greatly reduced margin.

Falls Behind Ticket. The general tenor of dispatches from all over Illinois is that the state will go for the republican national ticket, but that Deneen is being heavily scratched. At 11 o'clock it was estimated two-thirds of the registered vote of 411,120 in Chicago had been polled.

Vote Fast and Early. Later reports merely accentuated early dispatches of fine weather conditions and fast and early voting. Indications all point to an exceptionally heavy vote and the brief space of time spent by most electors in the voting booths is generally taken as a sign of comparatively few split tickets. In many cities and towns 50 per cent of the total vote had been cast by noon.

Trouble Incidents Few. Little or no trouble had been reported anywhere, and but few arrests for

SPEAKS LAST WORD

Taft Closes Campaign at Youngstown, Ohio, Getting a Big Demonstration.

THEN GOES HOME TO VOTE

Declares That in Event of His Election He Will Not Take Revenge Out Upon Labor.

Youngstown, Ohio, Nov. 3.—The last word of his campaign having been spoken last night by William Howard Taft, he speeded to Cincinnati to cast his vote. His final words to the voters were:

"Vote the republican ticket and preserve prosperity, protection to American industries, business integrity and the rights of labor."

The close of the campaign was, in magnitude and enthusiasm, a fitting climax to all that has gone before. The six and one-half hours Mr. Taft spent in Youngstown were crowded with political events. The candidate made three speeches, preceding which he reviewed a parade which was miles in length, and was the guest of the prominent republicans at a dinner.

Forecast a Victory. In his speeches Mr. Taft forecast his election and pledged justice to the workingmen. He took opportunity to emphasize that, notwithstanding the opposition to him and the republican party by Samuel Gompers, he will maintain his great sympathy for and interest in the welfare of organized and unorganized labor which his previous record sustains.

FIRST REPORT OF RESULTS IN BAY STATE

Boston, Nov. 3.—Returns from five towns comprising the first five voting precincts in Massachusetts to be heard from showed the following results:

President—Bryan, 221; Taft, 740; Hisgen, 50.
Governor—Draper, 671; Valey, 259.
In 1904 the same precincts gave Parker 257 and Roosevelt 773.

Boston, Nov. 3.—The first complete voting precinct in Massachusetts to be heard from today was the town of Norwell, which gave Bryan 40, Taft 164, Governor Draper, republican, 141; Valey, democrat, 57. The same precinct in 1904 gave Parker 46 and Roosevelt 151.

The Massachusetts town of Ayon gave Bryan 116, Taft 171, Hisgen, in dependence league, 31. The same precinct in 1904 gave Parker 145 and Roosevelt 187.

fraudulent voting or other misdemeanors were made. Returns from several states will be very late owing to the large number of candidates to be voted for and the exceedingly heavy poll, making counting slow. Where voting machines are used returns may be expected soon after the polls close.

Plenty of Secondary Features. The terms of 30 United States senators expire March 4 next, and the legislatures which will choose their successors are being voted for today. Campaigns in many congressional districts have been exceptionally hard fought this year, and the decision of voters as to continuing in power at Washington a number of well known figures will play a lively part in the interest which attaches to tonight's returns.

Scratching in New York. New York, Nov. 3.—Throughout the up-state counties conditions today are favorable for polling a full vote. In the larger cities early voting was unusually heavy, some districts in Syracuse showing two ballots to a minute. Where voting machines are in use the fact was demonstrated there was much scratching of tickets. At Elmira four republican election workers were arrested early on warrants charging buying of votes.

Washington Is Deserted. Washington, Nov. 3.—Washington today is quite deserted by its men of prominence. Not content with their participation in the campaign in behalf of their colleagues, most of the members of the cabinet have followed the example set by the president and have gone to their respective homes to cast their votes for Taft. The same is true of a majority of the heads of bureaus, of many chiefs of divisions, and of an exceptionally large percentage of mail clerks. The departments are all open, but no one pretends to give very close attention to business.

Told They Are Needed. Department employees have been impressed with the possibility that a few votes might change the results in congressional contests if not on the national ticket, and each has gone with the intention of throwing his influence on the right side of the scale as it appears to him. Because of civil service agitation Taft will receive a larger share of benefit from the Washington vote than Bryan.

Bryan's Neighbors Support Him. Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 3.—Bryan's precinct is running more than two to one in his favor, the vote at noon standing Bryan 51, Taft 23.

Machines Cause Trouble. Detroit, Mich., Nov. 3.—An unusually heavy early vote is being cast in Michigan. At Saginaw unfamiliarity with voting machines is causing some delay, and fears are expressed all voters may not be able to cast their votes before the polls close.

Seems Easy for Cannon. Danville, Ill., Nov. 3.—A heavy vote is being polled over the entire district. So far as Vermilion county and Danville are concerned opposition to Cannon has dwindled away. The democrats have no party workers at the polls and Cannon's managers predict his majority will be larger in this county than it has ever been. Reports from over the Eighteenth district are encouraging to him and it is predicted his majority will not be below normal. The only vote he is losing is the vest pocket vote, which has never been counted on.

Good Roads Help. Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 3.—A heavy vote is being polled in all points in Wisconsin. The weather is fair and

The Two Big Bills Before the American Public Today



WILLIAM J. BRYAN, FROM HIS LATEST PHOTOGRAPH

roads good, thus enlarging the farmer vote.

DOWAGER HAS A BIRTHDAY

So American Battleship Sailors in China Are Made Glad.

Amoy, Nov. 3.—The 74th anniversary of the birth of the dowager empress of China was celebrated today. The event was made the greatest day of the festivities in honor of the visiting American battleships.

SMALL TOWN IS WIPED OUT

Savannah, N. Y., Practically Destroyed by Fire.

Syracuse, N. Y., Nov. 3.—The village of Savannah, Wayne county, was almost wiped out by fire early today. Two hotels, the opera house, postoffice, two telephone offices, 14 stores, a warehouse and three residences were destroyed. The loss is \$150,000.

TAFT WINS VERMONT SOLONS

Members of Legislature Hold Election of Their Own at Statehouse.

Montpelier, Vt., Nov. 3.—By special enactment the majority of members of the Vermont legislature today cast their ballots at the statehouse. The result was: Taft, 193; Bryan, 32; Chadin, 1.

METHODIST BISHOPS ARE ASSIGNED TO PRESIDE OVER THE CONFERENCES

Indianapolis, Nov. 3.—The sessions of the semi-annual meeting of the board of bishops of the Methodist church here yesterday were devoted to the assignment of bishops to preside over the various conferences next spring to be held in all parts of the United States and in foreign countries in which the Methodist church is established. The recommendation of the last general conference, held during the summer in Baltimore, that each bishop preside at conferences located in contiguous territory so far as possible, was followed in making the assignments.

No changes were made in assignments for the missionary bishops.

The assignments follow:

H. W. Warren, Porto Rico mission and Delaware conference.

D. A. Goodsell, New York, east and Vermont.

Earl Cranston, St. John's river, Florida and European conferences in Italy, north Germany, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Bulgaria.

D. H. Moore, Wilmington, Del.; New Hampshire and Wyoming.

J. W. Hamilton, Philadelphia, central Pennsylvania and Baltimore.

J. F. Berry, Washington, New England and Troy.

Henry Spellmeyer, Arkansas, Little Rock and Mexico.

W. F. McDowell, New York, northern New York and Maine.

J. W. Bashford, conferences in China.

William Burt, central Alabama, French mission and south Germany.

L. E. Wilson, New Jersey, New England, southern and east Maine.

T. B. Neely, upper Mississippi, Louisiana and Newark.

W. F. Anderson, St. Louis, Lexington (Indianapolis), northern Indiana (Indianapolis).

J. L. Nuelsen, Lincoln, southwest Kansas and east Germany.

W. A. Quayle, Kansas, south Kansas and eastern Sweden.

C. W. Smith, Hawaiian mission.

W. S. Lewis, conferences in China.

E. H. Hughes, northwest Kansas and central Missouri.

Robert McIntyre, Mississippi, south Florida mission and Florida.

F. M. Bristol, conferences in South America.

J. F. Hartzell and L. B. Scott, conferences in Africa.

M. C. Harris, conferences in Korea.

Bishops Warner, Oldham, Robinson, conferences in Indiana and the Philippines.



WILLIAM H. TAFT, FROM HIS LATEST PHOTOGRAPH.

LAST WORD FROM MACK AND HITCHCOCK

Chairman Norman E. Mack, at democratic national headquarters, gave out a final statement, claiming victory for Bryan and Kern.

"New York state will give the national ticket a plurality of 50,000," he said, "and Ohio and Indiana surely will go democratic. The democrats will carry most of the other doubtful states, and in addition will carry some states that they have not claimed. I adhere to my original forecast of 333 electoral votes for Bryan and Kern."

During the day Mr. Mack talked with Samuel M. Gompers, and as a result of their conference the national chairman said he was convinced that the labor vote would remain true to the party.

"All that is needed to win," said Mr. Mack, "is to poll our full vote and see that it is honestly counted. A reward of \$1,000 will be paid by the national committee for the detection and conviction of any person engaged in election frauds."

Republican Chairman Hitchcock declared last night that late reports received from national committees and state chairmen strengthened his faith in the estimate of 325 electoral votes for Mr. Taft made Friday night.

"I believe this contest is won," he said. "It has been worked out as systematically as it is possible to apply a system to a national campaign. The chairmanship of this committee was not of my seeking. Those who are on the inside can testify to this. I had been involved in work previous to the opening of the campaign which naturally I thought should have relieved me of this work. However, when it was decided that I should continue the work, I accepted. As I anticipated, there was much criticism in the beginning, but I think that the way in which the work has been done justifies me in saying that the results show that the object has been attained."

"At no time have I indulged in any personalities. I have studiously endeavored to be fair in all my estimates, and to treat those who differed with me in the same spirit of fairness."

"If conditions are normal throughout the country tomorrow," he concluded, "I expect to see my forecast verified. If conditions are otherwise in certain sections, my forecast may be reduced, but I rather think it will be increased."

hats and offered him their best wishes.

Taft Is Late.

Cincinnati, Nov. 3.—An accumulation of important office matters required the attention of Taft and precluded his voting as he had expected at noon. He will go to the polling place late in the afternoon and cast his ballot.

Kern Home From Tour.

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 3.—John W. Kern reached here at 8 o'clock this morning on the return from his speaking tour of Ohio. He at once proceeded home, where he took a short rest. Later, accompanied by his son "Billie," he went to the polling place and registered his vote. Kern's sick boy is much better today, being able to sit up.

Sherman Votes It Straight.

Utica, N. Y., Nov. 3.—James S. Sherman, accompanied by his three sons, went to the election booth in the third district in the Seventh ward about 10:30 this morning. Sherman voted ballot No. 382. He was behind the curtain of the voting machine about six seconds, and was immediately followed by his sons. The boys voted in about the same time as their father. Sherman suggested at least four

straight republican votes had been cast.

Roosevelts Vote.

Oyster Bay, Nov. 3.—President Roosevelt reached the polling place at 9:23 a. m. and cast ballot No. 141. Theodore Roosevelt Jr. deposited the next ballot. After voting the president and his son drove to Sagamore hill.

Villagers All Turn Out.

Oyster Bay people were up early and a large crowd was on hand at the railway station to welcome home the president. As his special train pulled into the station the people surged forward, all eager to shake hands with the president, knowing it probably would be the last time they might shake hands with the president of the country voting as a resident in their little village. Following their usual custom, they formed in line and passed before the president, who shook hands with every one.

Some of the villagers, knowing the president's love of flowers, brought a bouquet and presented them to him. He gracefully accepted these as tokens of their friendship. As he drove away to the business part of town and polling place, he was applauded. The president lifted his hat and waved it enthusiastically in acknowledgement.

President and Mrs. Roosevelt left here on a special train at 11:04 for Washington.

BUY AURORA DAILY NEWS

L. C. Wolf, Rail President, and Senator Hopkins, New Owners.

Aurora, Ill., Nov. 3.—After nearly a year of negotiations, L. C. Wolf, president of the Aurora, Elgin & Chicago Traction company, and Senator Albert J. Hopkins have purchased the Aurora Daily News. The paper opposed Hopkins for 20 years when owned by W. S. Frazier, father of the owner, L. B. Frazier, who has just sold out. Captain C. H. Smith, president of the Western Wheelbarrow works, is also in the deal, according to reports.

OVATION AT THE FINISH

Bryan Speaks to Townspeople and is Given Great Honor.

POINTS TO HIS RECORD

Issues a Statement in Which He Briefly Reviews the Campaign.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 3.—The greatest demonstration in the history of Lincoln was given to Mr. Bryan by his fellow townsmen last night on his return to his home city at the close of his campaign. Nonpartisan in character, it was participated in by democrats and republicans alike, and the democratic candidate was driven through the streets, cheered by almost the entire population of the city. The reception was tendered to him as a citizen of Lincoln, rather than as a candidate, and in his speech he avoided all reference to partisan issues. In the parade which followed his automobile from the Union Pacific station, however, many political transparencies were carried.

Arrives at 8:30.

Mr. Bryan reached his home city at 8:30 o'clock last night on his special train, coming direct from Kansas, where he had spent the day in a final whirl of speechmaking. His train was met at the Union station by a tremendous crowd, and as the score of carriages and automobiles forming his immediate escort started across the viaduct from the railroad station the great parade fell in line behind him.

The parade moved through the main streets of the city through solid masses of cheering humanity, and after circling through the city returned to the Hotel Lincoln, where Mr. Bryan spoke, overlooking the public square. A great shout rose from the multitude filling the square as he appeared. He was introduced by Frederick Sheppard, president of the Bryan club, and spoke for half an hour.

Moved to Tears.

Mr. Bryan's speech was greeted with vociferous cheers. The candidate was moved to tears as he made an affectionate reference to his wife, and when he closed the demonstration accorded him was such as he rarely had experienced in his three campaigns. "I believe I am going to be elected," he said. "More than that, I believe it is going to be more than a bare victory. I believe that there is a stirring of the conscience of the American people, a moral awakening, an uprising that means a sweeping victory, and I will swear in your presence that no one who votes for me will ever have occasion to be ashamed of the vote he casts."

Crowd Cheers Last Words.

Mr. Bryan realized it was the concluding political speech of the campaign, and his last words were given with more than ordinary feeling. His peroration was delivered with all the earnestness at his command, and as he declared that he had given an impulse to honest politics and helped to create a sentiment in favor of reform he was wildly applauded by the large audience. The following is the conclusion of the last campaign speech of 1908 made by Mr. Bryan:

"Ladies and gentlemen, I am now 48 years old. It is 18 years since I began my political career as a candidate for congress. I told the people of my district that if elected I would not try to get their hands into other people's pockets; that I would simply try to keep other people's hands out of their pockets. For 18 years this thought has run through every speech and act. I have tried to apply to government the Jeffersonian maxim of 'equal rights to all and special privileges to none.' I have tried to help make this government a government of the people, by the people and for the people."

"For 18 years you have had a chance

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ELECTION JUDGE BEATEN IN STREET

St. Louis Furnishes Number of Arrests in Connection With Violations of the Laws.

St. Louis, Nov. 3.—Oliver R. Burkhardt, republican judge of election, was beaten near a polling place on Third street this morning. A score or more of arrests for various offenses were made before noon, among the prisoners being Felix Meadams, democratic nominee for the legislature in the Third district.

The Argus, as Usual, to Flash Election Returns Tonight

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CUSTOM IT HAS FOLLOWED EXCLUSIVELY HERE FOR YEARS, THE ARGUS WILL TONIGHT FLASH FROM THE ARGUS BUILDING THE ELECTION RETURNS UPON A SCREEN ON THE ROCK ISLAND HOUSE ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF SECOND AVENUE.

IN ADDITION TO THE OTHER ADVANTAGES WITH WHICH THE PUBLIC IS FAMILIAR THE ARGUS WILL HAVE AN EXCLUSIVE WIRE IN THE BUILDING WITH A SPECIAL OPERATOR. TO FURNISH THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE REPORTS, THE REGULAR ASSOCIATED PRESS SERVICE OVER THE POSTAL WIRES WILL BE SUPPLEMENTED WITH THE BULLETIN SERVICE OF THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY AND OF THE LONG DISTANCE WIRES OF BOTH TELEPHONE COMPANIES.